

<1/17/19 Strike Update> Bargaining Continues Tomorrow; Strike Likely to Last Through Next Week

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Dear Los Angeles Charter Leaders,

We write with today's updates and news coverage after the 4th day of the UTLA strike including the resumption of bargaining at City Hall, the announcement that UTLA will strike again tomorrow, and the escalation of actions on or near charter school campuses. As we continue to work to ensure that your students have uninterrupted access to safe learning environments, we need your help to understand the landscape on the ground for charter school sites across Los Angeles. [Please fill out today's survey to keep us up to date on the situation on your campuses.](#) Please also let us know if there are resources we can create that you do not have access to yet.

Bargaining Has Resumed at City Hall with Confidentiality Agreements

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti convened UTLA and LAUSD today for bargaining talks, with both sides agreeing to meet until an agreement is met, and both sides agreeing to confidentiality agreements. No agreement was met today, and talks will at a minimum therefore continue tomorrow.

The strike will continue on Friday and bargaining will likely continue through the weekend. UTLA President Alex Caputo Pearl urged teachers to come downtown starting at 10:30AM tomorrow for a rally at Grand Park to generate momentum for the bargaining team, as negotiations would likely continue over the weekend.

There were problematic picketing incidents on some charter school campuses today - both at co-located and private sites. At sites in different areas of the city, picketers escalated their language and conduct. An incident occurred at The Accelerated Schools during which protestors pushed their way into campus; CCSA is supporting the school on a logistical and communications response to this event. Please continue to call with questions and reports of any issues at school sites, and help us to gain a holistic understanding of the situation on the ground by [filling out this survey \(same as above\)](#).

We continue to watch for an LAUSD Board Meeting Agenda for the scheduled meeting on Tuesday 1/22. The meeting is likely to be cancelled, but we are watching for the release of an agenda. If the board meets in open session on January 22nd or at all during the strike, we will ask for your help in representing and protecting the charter community.

Other labor groups weighed in and announced actions. SEIU Local 99 announced a series of very few sympathy strikes - only one is at a co-located campus; CCSA has notified that school. The Associated Administrators of Los Angeles union urged LASD leaders to close schools during the strike as pressure on LAUSD administrators has mounted. The District confirmed that they will keep schools open. We urge you to reach out to your co-located principal with a gesture of support if possible, such as offering donuts or lunch, and to ensure that your staff are also supported.

resources below:

- KPCC/LAist on 1/17: LAUSD Principals Asks District To Close Schools During Strike. District Says 'No'
- LA Times on 1/17: LAUSD teachers' strike, Day 4: Talks reopen, attendance falls, losses mount
- LA Times on 1/17: What would a deal to end the LAUSD teachers' strike look like?

Again, with logistical or media issues throughout the strike, please contact your Regional Advocacy Director:

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In addition, please plan to join us tomorrow at 5PM for an evening member call.

We have updated member resources and are sharing new guidance. Our recently **UPDATED** Strike Preparedness How-To Guide for Charter School Leaders includes a complete list of all member resources, including:

- **NEW:** Updated letter to families with new strike date and recommendations on interacting with members of the media.
- **NEW:** Sample Statement for Charter Schools to Give to Media During LAUSD Strike
- **NEW:** Charter Educator Update on UTLA's Open Letter to Charter Teachers (Please review this resources with your legal counsel before distributing to your staff, particularly if you have unique school-specific labor considerations.)
- As a reminder, the **LA School Police Watch Command** number is (213) 625-6631. Detailed information on contacting law enforcement is available in our Picketing Guide.

In an effort to equip members to focus on serving kids while we tackle the broader narrative, CCSA has created the following **NEW** resource page for media on the strike.

As a reminder, if you receive media inquiries, please let your **RA Director** know, and then use this **NEW** statement to refer reporters to us.

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